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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Joseph Nelson Cook Sr. of Channahon, who passed away on January 18, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Cook Sr. was born on March 7, 1931, in Buckingham; his parents were William J. and Dorothy J. Cook; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Cook Sr. was a lifelong resident of Channahon and a graduate of the last class of Channahon High School; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Cook Sr. was a proud American and served his country with distinction as a member of the United States Army 1st Cavalry Division during the Korean War; during his service, he was listed as missing in action for over 121 days behind enemy lines and was one of the few men to return home from Task Force Crombez; he was the recipient of the Silver Star, five Bronze Stars, and two Purple Hearts for his meritorious service; and

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WHEREAS, Joseph Cook Sr. was a proud member of the Will County Carpenters Union Local #174 and retired after many years of service; he was also a former Park Ranger and a caretaker of

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1 the McKinley Woods Forest Preserve; and

2 WHEREAS, Joseph Cook Sr. was a devoted Cubs fan; he enjoyed  
3 fishing and hunting with his son, gardening, and carving duck  
4 decoys; and

5 WHEREAS, Joseph Cook Sr. was a lifetime member of the DAV  
6 and the Grundy County Rod and Gun Club; and

7 WHEREAS, Joseph Cook Sr. was preceded in death by his  
8 grandson, Benjamin Nephi Cook-Klossing; his parents; his  
9 beloved brother, Wesley D. Cook; and his lifelong best friend,  
10 Robert "Chiv" Chiovatero; and

11 WHEREAS, Joseph Cook Sr. is survived by his dearly loved  
12 wife of 48 years, Mary Alice Cook; his son and namesake,  
13 Channahon Mayor Joseph N. Cook, Jr. (Laurie Pillion); his  
14 devoted daughter, Gloria L. (Scott) Cook-Richardson; his  
15 special son, James Tyler Cook; his grandson, Alexander J.  
16 Cook-Klossing; his granddaughter, Jessica M. Cook-Klossing;  
17 his siblings, Bill (Dorothy) Cook, Robert (Gladys) Cook, and  
18 Beverly Keast; and his many nieces, nephews, and friends;  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with

1 his family and friends, the passing of Joseph Nelson Cook Sr.;

2 and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

4 presented to the family of Joseph Cook Sr. as an expression of

5 our sympathy.